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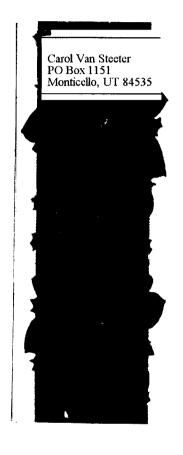
Dear Jane Henney,

I am deeply concerned about the quality of our food in America today. Too many additives, antibiotics, food colorings and such are being added to our foods. Foods that should be pure and healthful. The issue of irradiation is yet one more important matter. I am absolutely against this proposisition. I believe the problems associated with e-coli and the great push to eliminate the potentially harmful bacteria in ground beef, chicken etc. should be dealt with on the level it begins - at the slaughter houses and the processing plants. Big buisness has much power and alot of people in big agencies don't want stiffer regulations. THIS IS WHERE IT MUST START. Let's not try and put bandaids on the problem with irradiation. Or by telling restaurants that they need to cook our hamburgers until they are well done. Some restaurants won't even cook a sunnyside egg anymore. One restaurant has you sign a release form! WHAT is happening to our society? We all need to be responsible for ourselves, do the best job we can and live honestly. Please if the decision is to irradiate any of our food PLEASE make it law that it must carry a prominent disclosure, in easy-to-read type that states so.

Very Sincerely,

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